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LOYALTY DAY  
A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, by Public Law #85.529 of the 85th Congress, H.J. Res. 479, in joint resolution, July 18, 1958, the House of Representatives and the Senate of the United States, May 1st of every year, has henceforth been designated as National Loyalty Day and approved by President Eisenhower on July 18, 1958.

WHEREAS, an opportunity has been provided annually for every citizen to reaffirm his faith in the United States of America through a program sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States; and now and in the future National Loyalty Day will provide even greater inspiration for citizens of these United States to rededicate themselves to the principle that brought us freedom.

WHEREAS, there have been periodical attempts over the last two centuries to stifle and destroy those hard-won rights of free speech, freedom of the press and the right to worship as one chooses; and

WHEREAS, each of us should make a personal pledge to uphold these God-given rights in the defense of which thousands of our fighting forces have died on battlefields all over the world; now,

THEREFORE, I, Archie Gubbrud, Governor of South Dakota, pursuant to the joint resolution of the Congress assembled do hereby proclaim May 1, 1961, as Loyalty Day, I urge that every man, woman and child in this State to join in a demonstration of his or her undivided allegiance to the government of the United States and the ideals which it defends and preserves. I further hope that all civic groups will join on that day, to give expression to that loyalty through public demonstrations of all kinds; through the display of our National Emblem and through cooperation with our overseas veterans whose devotion and courage continue in peace as sponsors of this observance.

Signed

*Archie Gubbrud*  
Governor of South Dakota

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